Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota honors its' many tribal veterans, such as code talker Garfield T. Brown of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, who utilized his indigenous Lakota language to thwart the enemy and win World War II; and,

Whereas, Garfield joined the US Army on May 8, 1942 at Ft. Cook, Nebraska; and,

Whereas, During the North African Campaign Garfield T. Brown, Oglala Sioux Tribe and Anthony Omaha Boy, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, utilized their Lakota language as code during the Tunisian Campaign; and,

Whereas, On June 6, 1944, Garfield, carrying his radio above his head in chest deep water, was among those who stormed the beaches of Normandy while under fire; and,

Whereas, Garfield served in Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, and Central Europe; and,

Whereas, Proof of his heroic service includes the Bronze Star and Bronze Star Arrowhead, 3 Bronze Service Stars, 1 Silver Service Star, Good Conduct medal, Presidential Unit Citation, African-Middle Eastern-European medal, and the French Croix De Guerre; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize this dedicated hero of World War II.

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 24, 2017 as

Garfield T. Brown Day

In South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State